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15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

16 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

18 Plaintiff,

19 v.

20 JOSE LANDA-RODRIGUEZ, et al.,

21 Defendants.  
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No. CR 18-173-GW

UPDATED STATUS REPORT REGARDING  
PROPOSED TRIAL GROUPINGS AND  
SCHEDULES

23 Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel  
24 of record, the Acting United States Attorney for the Central District  
25 of California and Assistant United States Attorneys Shawn J. Nelson,  
26 Max B. Shiner, and Keith D. Ellison, hereby files this updated status  
27 report regarding proposed trial groupings and schedules.  
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1 The government previously proposed eight trial groups, which it  
 2 believes serve the interests of judicial economy and efficiency. The  
 3 government maintains that such groups offer the most reasonable  
 4 approach for bringing the numerous remaining defendants in this case  
 5 to trial. And the government has explained its rationale for  
 6 organizing such groups in several prior filings. (e.g., CR 2032,  
 7 2069, 2070, 2561, 2993, 3023.)

8 To account for those defendants who object to further  
 9 continuances of their trial dates (as they are joined for trial with  
 10 co-defendants who may request such continuances),<sup>1</sup> the government  
 11 proposes setting trial dates for trial groups seven and eight at the  
 12 next status conference in this matter.

#### 13 **I. GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED TRIAL GROUPINGS**

14 The proposed groupings for the remaining defendants, as  
 15 previously presented to the Court, with updates to reflect defendants  
 16 who have subsequently pleaded guilty, are as follows:

##### 17 **A. Group Two**

18 Cecilia Virgen (19)  
 19 Mark Levy (26)  
 20 Valentin Cordova (27) (fugitive)  
 21 Adrian Araiza (39)

##### 22 **B. Group Three<sup>2</sup>**

23 Miriam Meza (36)  
 24 Ana Martinez (37)

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26 <sup>1</sup> Specifically, defendants Gabriel Zendejas-Chavez (Group  
 27 Seven), Miguel Garcia (Group Eight), and David Diaz (Group Eight)  
 have objected to prior continuances of the trial dates in this case.

28 <sup>2</sup> The defendants in trial group three are presently scheduled  
 for trial on February 15, 2022.

1 Marlon Cornejo (42)

2 **C. Group Four**

3 Mark Landeros (17)

4 Kristen Ayala (51)

5 Juan Leonard Garcia (53)

6 Bryanna McCullah (63)

7 Frank Anthony Garcia (64)

8 **D. Group Five**

9 Ernesto Vargas (9)

10 **E. Group Six**

11 Hector Duarte (15)

12 Nancy Duarte (21)

13 David Bernardino (33)

14 Robert Ramirez (50)

15 **F. Group Seven**

16 Gabriel Zendejas-Chavez (3)

17 Rafael Lemus (4) (fugitive)

18 Martin Salazar (66)

19 Ramon Amaya (67)

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**G. Group Eight**

Jose Landa-Rodriguez (1)

Alvino Munoz (6)

Miguel Garcia (14)

Samantha Rivera (16)

David Diaz (49)

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Respectfully submitted,

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